environmentalists in West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh for a proper survey of the wildlife in Papikonda Game Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details of these demands and when they were made;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government refused to entertain such legitimate demands;

(d) what steps Government would take to review such refusals; and

(e) whether such funds meant for surveys have been spent on foreign travel by the officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some concerns about Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary were expressed in the year 2001. However, specific requests to undertake census of wild animals in Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary were received in the Ministry during the years 2004 and 2005.

(c) No Sir. Management of Sanctuaries, including census of wild species, in the area is vested with the concerned State Government. These requests were, therefore, forwarded to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for appropriate action. Hence the question of refusal by Government to entertain such requests does not arise. The census were carried out by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and as per the information received from the State Government, the condition of Papikonda Wildlife Sanctuary is satisfactory.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No Sir.

Spurious seeds, fertilizers, etc.

*290. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that substandard/spurious/fake inputs for farming, namely, seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, etc., are galore in the market, which affect adversely the farming community;

(b) if so, the action taken against the culprits/cheats/adulterators/ pseudo-manufacturers, etc.;

(c) the punitive and preventive steps Government contemplate to take to check the menance;

(d) whether farmers are complaining that seed corporations at the Centre and States have failed to supply at fixed price, standard/genuine hallmarked seeds of various crops to them; and

(e) if so, the corrective action being taken, as seeds are primary input for agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Quality of seeds, fertilizers and insecticides is regulated by Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 and Insecticide Act, 1968 as amended time to time and Rules made there under. The enforcement of these instruments vests with the State/Union Territories Governments. There are provisions for penal action against offenders.

(b) Details of action taken are given in the Statement-I, Statement-II and Statement-III (*See* below).

(c) Seeds Bill, 2004, seeking to update the quality control regime in respect of seeds, has been introduced in Parliament and is under the consideration of Parliamentary Standing Committee. Government proposes to amend the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 to include Organic and Bio-fertilizer. Further, there also is a proposal to amend the Insecticide Act, 1968.

(d) The National Seeds Corporation, State Farm Corporation of India and State Seeds Corporations are engaged in production and distribution of quality seeds to farmers.

(e) Quality control measures are continuously monitored. Further, a National Seeds Plan has been formulated identifying the gaps in quality seed production and States have been advised accordingly.

Statement-I

Cases under Seeds Act, 1966

Sl. No.	Year	No. of notified Inspector	Total No. of samples drawn	No. of samples found sub-standard	No. of seed dealers sold sub-standard seed	No. of cases in which warning issued	No. of cases stop sale order issued	No. of cases where seed forfeited	No. of cases filed in the Courts of Law	No. of cases decided by Court of Law fine/ Imprison-ment awarded
1	2002-2003	10843	76588	3999	1982	1695	1704	27	1017	182
2	2003-2004	12348	80967	4785	2923	2557	2290	37	1008	214
3	2004-2005	8433	87588	3829	2261	2207	3021	488	343	197

Statement-II

Cases under Seed (Control) Order, 1983

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Inspectors appointed	No. of seed dealers to whom licence issued	No. of cases to whom licence refused	No. of samples drawn	No. of cases where documents seized	No. of cases where seed seized	No. of cases filed in the Courts of Law	No. of cases pending before courts of law
1	2002-2003	10297	36124	71	58847	40	50	36	Nil
2	2003-2004	12532	75180	13	61260	63	57	31	—
3	2004-2005	8239	105020	643	70267	51	946	51	22

Statement-III

Status of the Implementation of the Insecticides Act, 1968 during 2002-2005

Sl. No.	Year	Licences		Prosecution		
		Suspended	Cancelled	Launched	Judgment obtained	Convicted
1	2002-2003	234	517	722	205	19
2	2003-2004	160	70	591	115	26
3	2004-2005	241	617	739	255	116